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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Zwirnmann et al. ) Confirmation No.: 7926  
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Application No.: 10/809,768 ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
)  
Filed: March 24, 2004 ) Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer

For: BONE FIXATION IMPLANTS

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to Office Action dated February 8, 2006, subjecting the claims to restriction and/or election, Applicant hereby elects Group I, implant Species 1 (FIG. 3A), and tack/screw Sub-Species 2 (FIG. 16A) for continued prosecution on the merits without traverse. Claims 1-3, 11-13, 16-20, 21, 22, 24, and 26 read on the elected Species of FIG. 3A.

This response is timely filed within one-month of the mailing date of the Office Action, accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be required in connection with this filing, please charge all such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

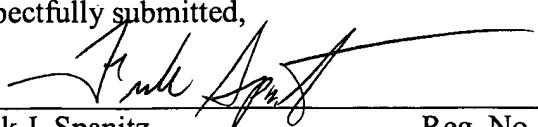
Should the examiner have any questions which may be resolved by telephone, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned (direct phone 212-309-6375).

Respectfully submitted,

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